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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE *4/18*

Applicant : Leontaridis, A.  
Appl. No. : 10/018,998  
Filed : 12/26/2001  
Title : LOCK ASSEMBLY FOR SLIDING DOOR/WINDOW PANELS  
Grp./A.U. :  
Examiner :

Docket No.: LEONAPP

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RESPONSE TO DENIED RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)  
FOR UNINTENTIONAL ABANDONMENT

In response to the dismissed renewed petition regarding the Unintentional Abandonment Petition filed on June 11, 2007, for the above referenced application.

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**Remarks**

The Examiner has again dismissed the petition filed on June 11, 2007 stating that the Response to the Dismissed Petition filed on December 3, 2007 lacked "...a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional...."

Furthermore the Examiner requires that any renewed petition clearly identify the party having the right to reply to avoid abandonment on February 20, 2004. And that the party responsible on February 20, 2004 must explain what efforts were made to reply to the outstanding action.

The following remarks are meant to clearly point out the steps taken to further the prosecution of this application.

It is respectfully stated that the **entire** delay in filing the required reply and subsequent petition for revival were unintentional. In support of this statement the following is respectfully submitted:

1) On February 4, 2004 the correspondence address for the present application was to Leontaridis Athanasios, Dipl. Ing. V. Mantzikas located at 68 Solonos Street, 106 80 Athens, GREECE. This is the address submitted on the signed declaration and with whom the US Patent was corresponding. A copy of the declaration as filed is being submitted herewith.

2) Mr. Athanasios maintains that the Notice of Allowance was not received at the above listed address and therefore was not acted on.

3) A representative from Greece acting on behalf of the applicant, Mr. Athanasios, contacted the office of the undersigned agent and requested that we attempt to determine the status of the application. This request was made in the summer of 2004. The applicant's foreign representative indicated that the application was believed to be in condition for allowance but they had no record of having received a Notice of Allowance; additionally their attempts to gain information on the application from the US Patent Office were unsuccessful.

5) In an attempt to speed the process and belief that a status would be obtained in a short time as well as an assumption that the application was now abandoned, the undersigned agent's office requested that the applicant provide a signed Petition for Unintentional Abandonment. The form was not filed until a status on the application could be obtained.

6) The undersigned agent's office during the months that followed made numerous attempts to determine the status of the application by contacting Group Art Unit 3600 of the US Patent Office. On each call the application was listed as **lost**, therefore no information was able to be obtained. On December 28, 2005 a Power to Inspect and Make Copies was filed at the general window of the US Patent Office in an attempt to force the US Patent Office to locate the file. There was no indication that the Power was ever placed in the file.

7) This matter was assigned for continual monitoring by a long time employee of the undersigned agent's office, it was requested that a status on the location of the application be regularly requested in an attempt to determine what was required

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to further process this application. The above-mentioned employee, who has now retired, made numerous attempts to determine the status of this application so that action could be taken. On January 12, 2006 Examiner Gall was spoken with regarding the status. Examiner Gall explained that he did not have the case. B. Gleeson returned a telephone call on April 10, 2006 and stated that PALM listed the application as 9200, which was lost.

8) In June of 2007 upon the retirement of the above referenced employee, the undersigned agent was given the application on which to determine a status. K. McLaughlin was contacted and indicated that a Notice of Allowance was issued for the application and in addition to the Issue and Publication fees corrected drawings were required. On June 11, 2007 a petition for unintentional abandonment was filed. The petition included the Issue and Publication fees as well as corrected drawings. Also included with the petition was a Power of Attorney to Inspect, Make Copies and Sign Documents. This power signed by the applicant gave the power to sign the Issue fee transmittal as well as any documents required for the Petition to Revive. A copy of the power is being submitted herewith.

Based on the above information it is respectfully stated that this application was **not intentionally abandoned at anytime** during the pendency of the application. It is submitted that the entire delay in request for revival was unintentional and due impart to a failure of the US Patent Office to locate the application in a timely fashion. It is respectfully requested that revival of this application be granted.

If the Examiner in charge of the application requires

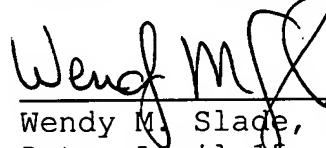
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additional information, it would be greatly appreciated if the undersigned agent of record was contacted at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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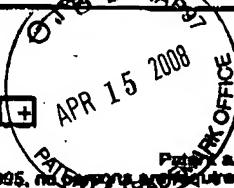
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**(37 CFR 1.63)**
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**LOCK ASSEMBLY FOR SLIDING DOOR/WINDOW PANELS**

the specification of which

(Title of the Invention)

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OR

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06/28/2000

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(If applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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